

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Self-trust is the essence of heroism.—Emerson.

THE FILIPINO'S AMUSEMENT

Answering the question often asked in Hawaii,—does the Filipino not wish to bring to his plantation labor the great sport of the cockpits?—is an investigation carried on in the Philippines by a newspaper which wished to ascertain if American sports were making great inroads.

Baseball and other wholesome recreations have taken such a hold on the Filipinos that the business of the cockpits is rapidly falling to pieces. The first example to be cited is the cockpit at Maypajo. Two years ago the attendance at that place reached the huge figure of 5,000 paid admissions during the days upon which it was opened. Today the attendance has been cut down to 2,500, just half of what it was in the good old days of 1910. One reason attributed for the loss of prestige is the fact that the place has changed hands, the former proprietor having been a general popular favorite with the betting, sweating thousands who used to throng the place.

The Cervantes cockpit is an even more noted example. Here the attendance was generally conceded to have been 6,000 paid admissions daily. That was up to 1910. Today the attendance has dwindled to 3,500, which is a big day for that place.

The Santa Ana cockpit, which is a night affair, used to attract 2,500 patrons. This number has come down to 1,800.

The San Juan rooster-fighting establishment was wont to house 2,000 patrons on a good sporty day. If they get 1,000 within its doors today the are doing good business.

Cinematograph shows and athletic games are the two principal causes given by the cockpit syndicates for the falling off of the attendance at their places of amusement, but they all agree that "el baseball" is the principal drawing card of the thousands of youth who before used to come out to see the red rooster transfix the white one. The managers shake their heads and sigh for the good old days when they were obliged to turn patrons away because their places could hold no more, but are forced to admit that the time is soon coming when they will have to abandon their enterprises for good and all.

In Hawaii cock-fighting has never taken hold and never will, it is evident. That the one class of people who like this sport—the Filipinos—are attracted still more by baseball and other amusements is obvious from the story that comes from the Philippines.

TREE-PLANTING AS A CITY ASSET

The excellent work of tree-planting begun by the ladies of the Outdoor Circle, Kilohana Art League, should be extended this fall and winter. It is in line with municipal advance and Honolulu should take its place among the host of mainland municipalities which have started on a definite course of beautification.

Inquiries made by the Craftsman have revealed a very large number of cities where the beauty of grass and branch and blossom is softening the austerity of stone curbing and hiding the bare ugliness of a vista of flat, hard paving.

"Many eastern cities have been transformed in this respect within recent years. Tree-planting along streets as well as highways is practised very generally now throughout New England, almost if not fully to the extent that it was practised by the colonists and their immediate descendants. The shady lanes and roads of New England constitute one of its greatest charms. In the middle west there has been great improvement in this particular also. Many towns that had bare streets a few years ago can now boast of avenues of maple, poplar and even elm.

"Particular note, however, is made of the progress of street tree-planting in the far west. Riverside, Cal., was one of the earliest communities to go into the work systematically. It did so by taking over the control of its thoroughfares. It has been followed by Redlands, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Phoenix, Ariz., and several other cities on the Pacific and the Pacific slope.

"One of the communities named, Riverside, has planted no fewer than 10,000 trees since it took the work in hand. It has had to learn also,

much from costly experience, but what it has learned has been worth the investment to itself and of great value to its neighbors. No community should rush headlong into tree-planting. In these days there is available sufficient knowledge to guide all such work skilfully, economically and effectively. Because of the greater knowledge now prevailing with regard to the trees suitable to the peculiar conditions in communities, the work is less experimental, less risky and of course correspondingly less costly, than it used to be. In fact, here is a means of town and city beautification that is within the reach of even the most limited revenues. A beginning once made by the establishment of a municipal nursery, the rest comes with comparative ease."

BOYS WHO GOVERN

It is not improbable that at no very distant date a "junior republic" will be established in Hawaii, and many of the conditions here call for some such move.

Mr. William Waterhouse gave an interesting talk at the University club at noon yesterday on the George Junior Republic, or, as it is also known, the George Washington junior republic idea. He told of the organization, the growth and the practical results of these miniature commonwealths, emphasizing the qualities of manhood that are brought out in lads whose youth has perhaps been marred by neglect or evil influences.

These junior republics are positive stimuli to the sense of decency, the sturdy manhood, the cleanliness of spirit that lies in every youth, no matter how overlaid with deceit, passion or unnatural vice. The life in the republics develop independence, self-control, self-confidence and a striving for improvement. Somewhat Utopian in theory, in practice the republics have proved startling successes. There are, as Mr. Waterhouse freely admits, boys who do not take kindly to the rules of the republics, who are restive under discipline, but the majority know that they can best rule by themselves, and this is the basic idea of the organization.

Hawaii's conditions, climatic and social, tend to looseness of the bonds of convention, and many boys, not bad at heart, far from criminal in type, must of necessity be treated almost as outlaws, in the lack of any medium between the juvenile court and the industrial school. At the industrial school, excellent as the administration may be, they are disciplined by external force at an age when the discipline, if possible, should come from their own growing consciousness of responsibility to society. There is need for some corrective force, less masterful than the reform school, and this force is the self-control of the junior republic.

That package of \$200,000 stolen in transit from Havana to New York will probably turn up four years from now as a contribution to the 1912 campaign fund.

A correspondent asks us if "Bull Moose" should be spelled with a hyphen. We would suggest that a dash is about the appropriate punctuation.

Mayor Fern is one political candidate who knows better than to run on his record of the past four years. He couldn't even walk on it.

"Taxation without registration" is another thing the voters ought to object to—by seeing that every one of them is registered.

This campaign fund investigation is rapidly exhausting the available names in Who's Who.

Pity they didn't hold the dictagraph on Teddy, Harriman and Morgan back in 1904.

Probably the steel trust is backing T. R. because he has such an iron nerve.

After they tune up awhile in Europe, there ought to be some real war.

Somebody please name a superintendent of public works.

The campaign yarn generally comes home to roost.

The Pope might mediate in the campaign, also.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

GUARDING THE VOTE.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Incorporated in the "Instructions for marking ballots" that will shortly be issued by Secretary Mott-Smith is the following paragraph:

ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS.—Any voter, who, by reason of blindness or other physical disability, is unable to mark his ballot shall, if he so requests, receive the assistance of ONE of the inspectors in the marking thereof.

Taking Solomon's word for it that all men are liars, and also the fact that there certainly were no elections in those days, or else Solomon would have had considerable more to say on the same subject that might not have been shorter but possibly uglier, I would ask if it is not sort of loose-jointed business to send ONE man into a booth to assist another?

Take the first disability in the paragraph referred to above, "blindness." What is to prevent the assistant from voting the blind man's ballot to suit himself regardless of what the afflicted wants?

In the states they leave no such soft snap. When a voter requires assistance in marking his ballot TWO men, chosen from opposite parties, are sent to the booth with him. One marks the ballot as per instructions from the "assisted" voter and the other man watches to see that he does so.

Any further remarks would be superfluous.

VOTER.

LOUGHER'S FIGURES FOR PHILIPPINES.

Papalou, Hawaii,
Oct. 7, 1912.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—In a recent issue you published some figures as coming from me on profit on planter's sugar per ton. Mr. Ashford is made to say that this is \$50.81 per ton. This figure is ridiculous as applied to Hawaii. The statement really refers to the profit of the Filipino planter, basing expenses on figures given by the government authorities on the island of Negros and prospectus of San Carlos Milling Co.

Yours truly,
R. LOUGHER.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ALEXANDER YOUNG — Construct a sand-filled bulkhead below the seawall at that stretch of Waikiki beach between the Kerr place and Kapiolani Park entrance and Honolulu will have a children's playground par excellence, one which could defy the rest of the world to duplicate.

W. O. SMITH—There has been a good deal about having elections every year. George Carter when governor wanted annual legislatures. I was opposed to the idea then, but I notice that the present campaign is accompanied by great activity in making roads. Now, if elections mean lots of new and better roads, let us have more of them.

R. W. SHINGLE, chairman Republican territorial central committee—I trust that the secretary of the Territory will see his way clear to have the name of J. K. Hibio placed on the official ballot as a candidate for Senator from Maui. The Republican party wants to take no advantage of whatever technicalities may have arisen, and it would seem as if nothing but a technicality could prevent the electors of Maui from being given an opportunity to vote for whomever they desire. I firmly believe that both Republican candidates for senator from Maui will be elected, but we want the people to have a fair opportunity to express their choice.

PERSONALITIES

MISS JEAN MELLO of Los Angeles is making a tour of the islands. MISS JEAN ANGUS left yesterday on the transport Sherman for San Francisco, where she will visit her mother.

LEW G. HENDERSON, who piloted Duke Kahanamoku on the first part of the champions trip, left for Philadelphia naval station yesterday on the transport.

MRS. E. R. GAYLER and two children were passengers on the Sherman yesterday for the coast. Mrs. Gayler will visit her mother in St. Louis for several months.

W. H. Kegley, who is a teacher in the employ of the Japanese government, left for the coast this morning on the Siberia to visit at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after a week's stay in Honolulu.

CAPT. BERGER, the veteran bandmaster, and Mrs. Berger will arrive shortly from an extended visit to Germany and other European countries. Capt. Berger's leave of absence ends December 1 and in a recent note here he said he intended to leave Vienna for home early in October.

SETS DATE FOR HEARING MAHUKA SITE CASE

The next Mahuka site case will be called for hearing in Federal Court on Monday, October 21, and U. S. District Attorney Breckons says the court will doubtless be kept busy with these hearings from that date until the close of the present year. All the minor cases on the calendar are to be disposed of before the Mahuka cases are taken up.

The first to be called will be that of the Office Supply Company, with the condemnation of the O. E. Hall & Son site to follow immediately at the conclusion of that one.

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